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Dear Dr, Lederberg,

I would appreciate it very much if you came to a definite decision as soon as possible. I don't know what Dr Ryan told you about me, but I have now been applying to Medical School for two years with disappointing results. I therefore must at this moment make some definite plans as to the future. I always was interested in genetics as evidenced by my college record and when Dr. Ryan called me I was extremely happy as this position with you is just what I was thinking of. But, the summer is approaching and as I stated I can come out then and would like to, but again if you don't see fit to accept me I naturally must make other plans and have been holding off doing so 'til I hear from you.

I would like to on this writing clarify one more issue. I have so long pointed for medicine as my goal that it is rather difficult to on the spur of the moment say I would now like to be a geneticist. I well appreciate your position that you would not like to lose me after breaking me in. But as I previously stated, I after a more intimate appreciation of its subject matter would jump at the chance to stay with it. This summer if you would so have could be just such a chance.

Sincerely,

*Horton Zinder*